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- 1. NEXT SENIOR OFFICIAL TRAVELING WITH SECRETARY SIMON IS UNDER-SECRETARY OF TREASURY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS BENNETT (THIRD RANKED TREASURY OFFICIAL). NOT KNOWING BASIS FOR GSL DESIGNATION OF VISITORS AS STATE GUESTS CANNOT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION IN REF A. IF RANK IS BASIS OF DECISION, BENNETTS ARE NEXT IN LINE.
- 2. ON BASIS OF EARLIER TRAFFIC, YOU HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF PARTY'S DECISION TO OVERNIGHT AT BENTOTA AT HOTEL OF YOUR CHOICE.

 DECISION MADE ON UNDERSTANDING THAT BENTOTA ABOUT 40 MILES AND ONE AND ONE HALF HOUR DRIVE FROM COLOMBO BY AIR CONDITIONED CARS.

 THEREFORE WE APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS IN REF B, BUT WILL STAY WITH OUR ORIGINAL DECISION TO LIMIT OUR ACTIVITY TO DRIVING TO BENTOTA FOR OVERNIGHT STAY AND SOME SHOPPING IN COLOMBO WHILE OFFICIAL ACTIVITY GOING ON.

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